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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: (U//FOUO) Telephone Conversation with
President-elect Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine

PARTICIPANT: President-elect Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine

Interpreter: Provided by the Department of State
Notetakers: The White House Situation Room

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AND PLACE: Air Force One

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I guess, in a way, I did something similar. We're making tremendous progress in the U.S. [United States] - we have the most tremendous economy ever. I just wanted to congratulate you. I have no doubt you will be a fantastic president.

(U) President-elect Zelenskyy: First of all, thank you so very much, again, for the congratulations. We in Ukraine are an independent country, and independent Ukraine - we're going to do everything for the people. You are, as I said, a great example. We are hoping we can expand on our job as you did. You will always, also, be a great example for many. You are a great example for our new managers. I'd also like to invite you, if it's possible, to the inauguration. I know how busy you are, but if it's possible for you to come to the inauguration ceremony, that would be a great, great thing for you to do to be with us on that day.

(U) The President: Well, that's very nice. I'll look into that, and well - give us the date and, at a very minimum, we'll have a great representative. Or more than one from the United States will be with you on that great day. So, we will have somebody, at a minimum, at a very, very high level, and they will be with you. Really, an incredible day for an incredible achievement.

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impressive for us. So, it will be absolutely fantastic if you could come and be with us on that day.

(U) The President: Very good. We'll let you know very soon, and we will see you, very soon, regardless. Congratulations - and, please, say hello to the Ukrainian people and your family. Let them know that I send my best regards from our country.

(U) President-elect Zelenskyy: Well, thank you, again. You have a safe flight and see you soon.

(U) The President: Take care of yourself and give a great speech today. You take care of yourself, and I'll see you soon.

(U) President-elect Zelenskyy: Thank you very much. It is difficult for me, but I will practice English and we'll meet in English. Thank you very much.

(U) The President: [Laughter] All that's beautiful to hear! That's really good. I could not do that in your language. I'm very impressed. Thank you very much.

(U) President-elect Zelenskyy: Thank you very much. I'll see you very soon.